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「HIT3フェア」も開催中!
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There are times when I really want to get a hold of my real self.

Rapid development! A love triangle.

急加速！ラブ・トライアングル

Chapter 11

ラストノーツ

Une femme sans parfum est
de l'eau tiède sans attrait.

"My name's Aki."

"Um, just then, they called you Haru, right?"

The day we first met.

ANTI-SPIRIT INCENSE

IT'S A MYSTERIOUS FRAGRANT WOOD THAT CAN SUMMON THE DECEASED ONCE LIT.

THE NITOUKOUDOU BRANCH STORE SELLS "ANTI-SPIRIT INCENSE" THAT SUMMONS DECEASED PEOPLE WHEN LIT. AT THE STORE IS WHERE THE SHOPKEEPERS, AKI AND HARU AND THE HOMELESS GIRL, EMIRU-CHAN LIVE. EMIRU-CHAN WHO BEGAN TO BECOME AWARE OF AKI, THOUGHT THAT HE LIKES MIHIRO WHO GREW UP IN THE SAME ORPHANAGE AS HIM. AT THE SAME TIME EMIRU-CHAN BECAME CONFUSED AFTER HARU KISSED HER AND STARTED TO STAY AWAY FROM HIM. JUST WHEN HER DISTANCE WITH AKI SHORTENS, SHE HAS TO KEEP A SECRET OF WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN HARU AND HERSELF AT MIHIRO'S WEDDING CEREMONY. JUST WHEN HARU QUESTIONS EMIRU-CHAN WHAT HER REPLY TO HIS KISS IS, AKI OVERHEARS THEM.

RECAP

Characters

NITOU CHIAKI "AKI"
SHOPKEEPER OF NITOU-KOUDOU BRANCH STORE. HAS A SMOKING HOBBY.

NITOU HARUSHI "HARU"
THE OTHER SHOPKEEPER OF NITOUKOUDOU BRANCH STORE. LOVES MONEY.

OSHIMA EMIRU
A BEAUTY WHO LIVES TOGETHER WITH AKI AND HARU.

"There's a really nice smell on you, Haru."
I have no idea what Haru likes about me.
That's because stink.
From that day on
Haru became the most important person to me.
EH
MUM, I THINK HE'S NOT BAD.
DIDN'T WE DECIDE ON GETTING A GIRL
NO, THIS KID IS GOOD
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I LIKE STRAW-BERRY
I LIKE CHOCOLATE!
WAIT!
YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO AKI'S OPINION
AH, AKI!
You're already eating
HERE ARE SNACKS
CHOCOLATE AND STRAW-BERRY. WHICH ONE DO YOU TWO LIKE?
Cream
I BOUGHT NEW CLOTHES
THE BLUE ONE IS FOR AKI
AKI,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO POLITE AT HOME
BOTH YOU AND HARU ARE CHILDREN OF OUR HOUSE-HOLD!
I WASN'T BEING POLITE
EH,
HARU, DON'T BE LIKE THAT
I THINK THAT ONE'S NICE
THEN LET'S EXCHANGE

I did a lot of things to repay him
But most of the times I'm just acting spoiled towards the reliable Haru
IN EXCHANGE, HARU HELP ME WITH MY HOME-WORK
Okay?
WHAT CAN I SAY
We both thought our relationship was pretty good
AK! GOT OFF SCHOOL EARLY AGAIN TODAY
BECAUSE HE WASN'T FEELING WELL
IS IT BECAUSE HE'S WEAK?
DID HIS REAL MOTHER ABANDON HIM BECAUSE OF HIS WEAK BODY ?
MAYBE... BUT DIDN'T WE TAKE HIM FOR A BODY CHECK EARLIER ON?
HE WASN'T SICK OR SOMETHING
SEEMS LIKE THAT CHILD'S NOSE IS OVER SENSI-TIVE
HE'LL FAINT OVER BAD SMELLS
SMELL?

ISN'T THAT A GIFT FOR OUR FAMILY?
I.
CAN HELP?
LET'S DISCUSS THIS WITH THE JII-SAN FROM GOSHIMA FAMILY NEXT TIME
JII-SAN ?
BECAUSE OUR FAMILY SELLS INCENSE STICKS
SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH FRAGRANT WOOD

I found something I could be useful for.

together with parents who didn't allow me to feel bad about myself.

In the home that Haru gave me.

My fate
had changed from the day I met Haru
HARU I SPOKE WITH MORI-SAN FROM CLASS 3 TODAY
SHE'S REALLY CUTE
OH
NOT BAD
WHAT? HARU ALSO THINKS SHE'S ALL RIGHT
AH,
SHE CONFESSED
WHAT?
I really didn't
I really am not being polite.
have anything I wanted to snatch from Haru
REALLY?
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING
IS THAT OKAY?

until I met
her.

AKI!
HARU AND EMIRU-CHAN
KISS.
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...?
He heard us...
HARU,
DO YOU LIKE EMIRU-CHAN?

SFX STEP 4X
IS THAT
SO
...I WOULDN'T HAVE KISSED HER IF I DIDN'T LIKE HER.
...
AKI!

Aki misunderstood.
AKI, WAIT UP.
WAIT A MOMENT.
UM, YOU'RE MISTAKEN...
I'M NOT GOING OUT WITH HARU...
...MM.
...I
I

THE ONE I LIKE IS AKI.

"A girl who is important to you."
"You do have one, right?"
"You must also find happiness."
I ALSO
LIKE EMIRU-CHAN VERY MUCH.
BUT SORRY,

I'M REALLY SORRY...
I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU.

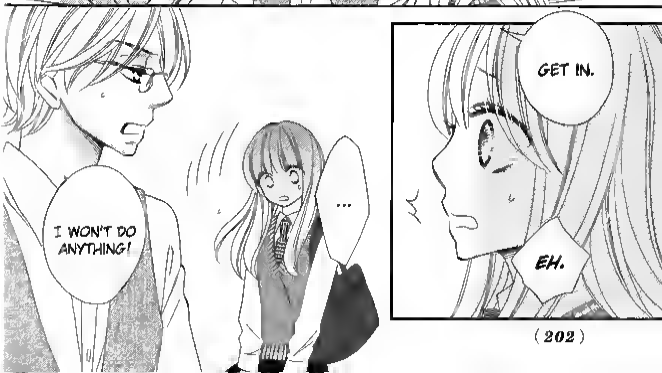
So quiet..
I'M DONE
AH I'LL DO THE WASHING
IT'S OKAY
I'LL WASH
Because I can't cook
...EMIRU-CHAN
WH-WHAT?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE?
EH,
WHAT'S THE MATTER
TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL,
GO TO THE OVERPASS AT THE RACK FOR A MOMENT
CLENCH
WE'LL TALK THEN
I'LL CONTACT YOU TOMORROW

EMIRU-CHAN!
It sould be around here..

He wants to show me this?
IS THIS HARU'S CAR?
AH.
EH, A CAR?

She probably doesn't know
This is a Porsche...
IT'S MY PARENTS'
IT'S SO CUTE, SO ROUND

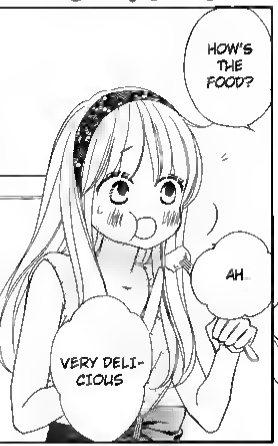

I WON'T DO ANYTHING!
...
GET IN.
EH.

Shoujo Sense

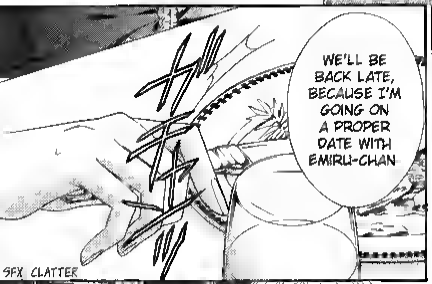
Can Aki too..?
Drive.
Aki just came into mind..
AKI DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO
EH!
Did I say it out?!
BECAUSE I KNOW HOW
SO THAT GUY DOESN'T PLAN ON GETTING A LICENSE
THAT ABOUT HIM
BETTER START CHANGING

Haru...?
AH, BY THE WAY,
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
WELCOME!
HELP HER CHANGE INTO SOMETHING
Understood
EH!
AH, AREN'T YOU LOOKING GOOD
HARU ?!
Kya SO cute
ENJOY DRESS-ING UP
DO YOU NEED MAKE-UP? PROBABLY NOT
UM ER ..
SORRY I DIDN'T BRING MUCH CASH WITH ME TODAY
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT?

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A GIFT FROM ME.
AND PLEASE ACCEPT THESE, MY PRINCESS
ばらっ
SFX ROSES
What is going on...?
E-H?
E-H?
IT'S STILL A BIT EARLY, BUT LET'S GO HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT
TCH
I SHOULDN'T HAVE DRIVEN. I CAN'T DRINK ALCOHOL NOW
Besides that Haru you're still under-age.


HOW'S THE FOOD?
AH
VERY DELICIOUS

Haru.
Just what is he thinking..?


WE'LL BE BACK LATE, BECAUSE I'M GOING ON A PROPER DATE WITH EMIRU-CHAN
SFX CLATTER

BUT... UM,
AKI IS PROBABLY WORRIED WHY WE'RE NOT HOME BY NOW...
IT'S FINE. I TOLD HIM ALREADY.

...WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
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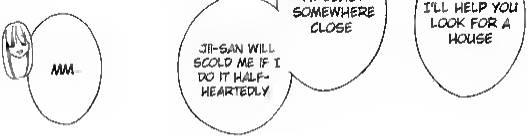
BUT AKI,
MIGHT NOT RETURN YOUR FEELINGS
I KNOW EMIRU-CHAN LIKES AKI.
PUTS DOWN
EMIRU-CHAN
CAN YOU ACCEPT THIS?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ME NOW,
BUT I HOPE YOU WILL THINK ABOUT US.
THAT WAS...
THE FIRST TIME
I CAME TO LIKE SOME-ONE...
JUST BECAUSE HE WON'T RETURN MY FEELINGS
DOESN'T MEAN MY FEELINGS WILL DISAP-PEAR
AND I
HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO MAKE THEM GO AWAY...

I'M SORRY...
BUT
I WILL MOVE OUT
AND FIND A HOUSE FOR MYSELF.
I UNDER-STAND.
I WANT TO CHANGE THE ATMOSPHERE A LITTLE
WHEN THE THREE OF US ARE TO-GETHER.
T-THAT
IF IT WERE MY EX-GIRLFRIENDS, THEY WOULD'VE BEEN VERY HAPPY. BUT IT SEEMS EVEN WITH THE GOLDEN DATE PLAN,
BUT I SOMEHOW ALREADY KNEW IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT.
I STILL CAN'T MAKE YOUR HEART WAVER

THANK YOU
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IT IS FIRST
EH... BUT...
ANYWAY, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS
ただのブローチ
TEXT ONLY A BROOCH
I may sound arrogant but it's actually really sad
HOW COULD I HAVE BOUGHT SUCH EXPENSIVE JEWELRY KNOWING IT'LL JUST BECOME A WASTE BY GIVING IT YOU


MM...
JII-SAN WILL SCOLD ME IF I DO IT HALF-HEARTEDLY
AT LEAST SOMEWHERE CLOSE
I'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR A HOUSE

Aki,
I likes Haru more than me.
"I can't go out with you."
That's understandable.
Even when I'm not beside him,
If I'm permitted to like Aki in secret,
Aki and Haru can still get along nicely.

that
is already more than enough...
UNCLE ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY HERE?
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE A SALARY MAN WHO DOESN'T WANT TO GO HOME?
AH RIGHT, HOW'S THAT PRETTY GIRL?
She wasn't been stopping by lately
IS SHE CALLED EMIRU-CHAN?
HA!
WERE YOU DUMPED?
IT'S INTERESTING SO TELL ME ABOUT IT
HEY SAY SOMETHING.
IT'S BORING

WHATEVER
JUST CRY, CRY YOUNG MAN
I'M BACK
WHAT'S THIS.
TAKES OUT
1DK
DK

わたしの近況
桜小路かのこ
久しぶりに新宿からの乗り換えを間違えてしまった。電話はデフォなので、かけつつ食べつつ、新人ぼっこってあんまりないらしいは元気です。
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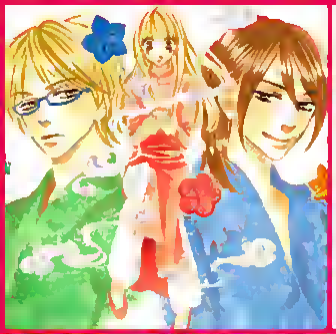
SFX: TURNS
...
SFX: STEP SX

AH, MUM.
WHAT?
...HUH!?
I'll just let him mis-understand.

Compared to the usu...
Somehow it feels depressing in here!
OUR PARENTS TOLD US
I'M BACK LATE!!
TO CLOSE DOWN THE SHOP AND RETURN TO THE MAIN HOUSE
EH...
SEEMS LIKE THEY FOUND OUT WE'RE CLOSING THE SHOP BECAUSE THERE'S NO ANTI-SPIRIT INCENSE
SAYING WE'RE NOT YOUNG ANYMORE
WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR A NEW PLACE FOR YOU! EMIRU-CHAN
Somewhere close to the main house
AH...
AND IT'S WEIRD TO STAY AWAY FROM HOME WITH NOTHING TO DO
GLANCE

Aki, he..
hasn't said anything after knowing that I'm moving out.
Although... I haven't been expecting much, but..
I WILL STAY AT THIS HOUSE.
HUH? WHAT
THE CATS ARE STILL HERE.
THERE'S ONLY 3 OUR PARENTS WILL AGREE TO TAKE THEM IN.
NO NEED TO TALK I'M STAYING.
AKI!
They used to get along so well..
If I didn't have come here,
they wouldn't have become like this.

So I thought if I moved out,
they'll return to how they were before..
IF
IF YOUR SHOP CAN RE-OPEN,
HARU WON'T NEED TO GO BACK TOO RIGHT?
THE CLUES FOR THE ANTI-SPIRIT INCENSE THAT JII-CHAN LEFT BEHIND,
I'LL GO LOOK FOR THEM...!
I don't want them to part!
TO BE CONTINUED
THE FUTURE OF THE STORE DEPENDS ON EMIRU-CHAN...?!



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